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Letter dated 7 November 2000 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

As you are aware, my Adviser for Special Assignments in Africa, Mr. Ibrahim Gambari has been actively engaged in efforts to promote the peaceful resolution of conflicts in Africa with particular attention to Angola. Those efforts have led to the improvements in the relationship between the Government of Angola and the United Nations and to the despatch to Luanda of Mr. Mussagy Jeichande as my Representative and Head of the United Nations Office in Angola (UNOA).

There are still many issues that need to be addressed before the war in Angola can be ended in the context of the Lusaka Protocol. It should be noted that President dos Santos has confirmed the validity of the Lusaka Protocol as a framework for the peace process in Angola. Moreover, the Angolan war has spilled over to neighbouring countries of Zambia, Namibia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo with negative consequences for peace and security there. It would be desirable for Mr. Gambari to continue to monitor developments in the subregion and to remain engaged in the efforts to promote the peace process.

For these reasons, I have decided to extend the appointment of Mr. Gambari as my Adviser for Special Assignments in Africa until 28 February 2002.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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